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**TOWN WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 1, 2003**

Hampshire, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Amherst, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

Prec. 1	North Congregational Church Hall	Prec. 6	Fort River School
Prec. 2	North Fire Station	Prec. 7	Crocker Farm School
Prec. 3	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Prec. 8	Munson Memorial Library
Prec. 4	Large Activity Room, Bangs Community Center	Prec. 9	Wildwood School
Prec. 5	Large Activity Room, Bangs Community Center	Prec. 10	Hampden Dining Hall, UMass

on **TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 2003** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose: To casts their votes in the Annual Town Election for the candidates for the following offices:

Moderator, one for one year; Select Board, one for three years; School Committee, two for three years; Elector, Oliver Smith Will, one for one year; Jones Library Trustee, two for three years; Redevelopment Authority, one for five years; Hampshire Council of Governments Councilor, two for two years; Town Meeting Members: Precinct 1, eight for three years, two for one year; Precinct 2, eight for three years; Precinct 3, eight for three years; Precinct 4, eight for three years; Precinct 5, eight for three years, one for two years, one for one year; Precinct 6, eight for three years; Precinct 7, eight for three years, two for one year; Precinct 8, eight for three years, two for two years; Precinct 9, eight for three years; Precinct 10, eight for three years, five for two years, eight for one year.

QUESTION

Shall the town approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission, summarized below?
Summary:

The proposed charter would replace the representative town meeting with a nine member elected town council, and would replace the select board with a directly elected mayor. The mayor would be the town's chief executive officer, and would chair the council, have veto power over most council actions (subject to 2/3 override), appoint most committees, and provide overall policy leadership to the town. The town manager would remain the chief administrative officer subject to policy decisions of the mayor and council. The school committee and board of library trustees would continue unchanged, with the mayor as a non-voting member of each. Citizen involvement would remain strong, through existing and new policy and advisory committees, regular public forums, and provisions for initiative, referendum, and recall. Other provisions would improve budget and financial procedures, and establish strict conflict of interest measures to minimize the influence of campaign contributions on decisions of the mayor and council.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of March, 2003.

Carl Seppala
Eva Schiffer
Dolly Jolly
Anne Awad

Select Board, Town of Amherst

Hampshire, ss.

March 13, 2003

In obedience to the within Warrant, I have this day as directed posted true and attested copies thereof at the following designated places, to wit:

Prec. 1	North Amherst Post Office	Prec. 6	Fort River School
Prec. 2	North Fire Station	Prec. 7	Crocker Farm School
Prec. 3	Marks Meadow School	Prec. 8	Munson Memorial Library
Prec. 4	Amherst Post Office	Prec. 9	Wildwood School
Prec. 5	Town Hall	Prec. 10	Campus Center, UMass

Sgt. Michael D. Sullivan
Constable, Town of Amherst